

Proverbs - Chapter 5

The Forbidden Woman Solomon candidly warns his son of the dangers of illicit sexual relationships. The language he uses is direct and the message clear. Consider the following questions.

1. What does the forbidden woman represent in verse 3? What is alluring about her? Where does her path lead her?
2. How would you summarize the advice in verses 7-10 for resisting the forbidden woman?
3. Verses 11-14 describes the mindset of the man who has fallen for the forbidden woman. To what previously studied text in Proverbs is this similar? What is the outlook of the man who falls for the forbidden woman?
4. Solomon presents his son with a solution in verses 15-19. How would you phrase this advice in your own words?
5. At the end of the chapter, Solomon identifies the reason for the man's downfall. Why is it that man falls?